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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 14, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on October 14, 2004, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three (3) months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with requisite fees therefore. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the

rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 32 of this paper.